

## **Developing a Collaborative Process to Establish Marine Protected Areas**

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XwaYeN (Race Rocks), as Canada's first Ocean Act MPA, was recommended for designation based on a series of recommendations that were developed through a collaborative process. This process had a number of distinctive features and quite remarkable results. Was the process based on authority or interests? How do you bring a disparate spectrum of interests together to establish consensus-based recommendations for conservation and protection? As a case study, the XwaYeN experience offered many lessons and has encouraged a wide range of interests to describe their own process and vision for further MPA designations.

## **Opportunism and Optimality: Strategies for Developing Marine Protected Area Management in Washington**

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This paper explores the history, status and future directions for elaboration and management of Marine Protected Areas (MPAs) in Washington State. Considerable effort is being invested by federal, state and local entities and tribes to utilize marine zoning in management actions. In many cases, these zones and their management objectives qualify for definition as MPAs. Establishment of MPAs in Washington has been largely opportunistic—resulting in a patchwork of relatively small areas with partial protection and a few larger areas where protective management is potential. Currently, interest in improving the performance of marine resource management, e.g., in fisheries, wildlife, shellfisheries and marine pollution includes examination of MPAs as a tool with possibly a more wide-spread application. Development of a network of MPAs, for example, requires and more coordinated, comprehensive and prioritized (optimal) approach, especially given limited resources.